

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the 2003-2006 Rainy River District School Board was held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert Moore School, Fort Frances.

Board Members Present D. Belluz, J. Eluik, G. McBride, M. Heyens, M. Darrah, R. McAlister

Regrets: J. Leonard

In Attendance: W. Hoshizaki, T. Ellwood, L. Mills, Linda Hill, Raymond Roy

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #71 McALISTER-DARRAH That the Rainy River District School Board approve
CARRIED the agenda for June 21, 2004, Special Board Meeting.

Res. #72 DARRAH-McALISTER That the Rainy River District School Board proceed
CARRIED with disposal of the following surplus properties owned by the Board and in accordance with Ontario Regularion:

- ▶ Sixth Street School
- ▶ Alberton Central School
- ▶ Minnie Avenue - Fort Frances (Plan 48R1606)
- ▶ 100 Cedar Crescent - Atikokan (Plan SM200, Lot 58)
- ▶ Abbott Road - Atikokan (Plan SM197, Lot 33-37)

Res. #73 McALISTER-DARRAH That the Rainy River District School Board approve
CARRIED the 2004-2005 Budget as presented.

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Belluz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SILENT REFLECTION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the June 21, 2004, meeting was approved. *(see resolution #71)*

BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Fort Frances Facility Review

Dan Belluz provided a report on the Fort Frances Facility Review Committee meeting held on June 7, 2004. The process involved reviewing reports submitted by administration addressing the needs of the system for programming and facilities. Highlights of the meeting included:

- ▶ a Property Evaluation and Appraisal Report to be conducted on Alexander MacKenzie, Sixth Street and Alberton Central Schools. A report will be forthcoming to the Board.
- ▶ reviewing alternatives for a maintenance shop and cold storage area for the Board.
- ▶ expression of interest from party interested in acquiring Alexander MacKenzie property.
- ▶ reviewing alternatives for the relocation of the Alternative Education Program
- ▶ committee reviewed possibility of partnerships with the Board for use of Alexander MacKenzie School
- ▶ committee reviewed the needs of the system in regard to closed schools and vacant land owned by the Board. The committee will continue to review options in use of Alexander MacKenzie School

The Board agreed to proceed with disposal of surplus Board properties in accordance with Ontario Regulation namely Sixth Street School, Alberton Central School, Minnie Avenue property, 110 Cedar Crescent and Abbott Road.

(see resolution #72)

5.2 Finance Committee

A preliminary 2004-05 balanced budget was reviewed by the committee.

Laura Mills provided a presentation to the Board on the 2004-05 budget. Good news items included:

- ▶ primary class size reduction grant
- ▶ transportation grant
- ▶ school renewal - energy retrofit initiative
- ▶ renewal amortization fund
- ▶ benchmark adjustments

Cost concerns identified were wages and benefits, transportation contracts, utilities and repair/maintenance costs.

Challenges included decline in enrolment of 116 FTE, Board spent \$800,000 more in teaching than funded for, special education, cycle 5 claims not funded in this budget and transportation funding being capped at 12%.

The budget continues to focus on student success and many programs will run in the next school year.

Upon release of remaining funding, the Board will proceed with plans. Areas of funding that have not been announced are:

- ▶ Good Places to Learn - amortization fund
- ▶ literacy and numeracy by age 12 and success for students
- ▶ Special Education - Cycle 5 issue and new funding model

The Board approved the 2004-2005 budget as presented.

(see resolution #73)

Res. #74 DARRAH-McALISTER That we do adjourn at 7:31 p.m.
CARRIED

Director of Education/Secretary

Chair